THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) While no exact data is available about cases of intolerance and indiscipline in educational campuses, certain incidents have come to the notice of the Government. Universities function under the respective Acts and Statutes, which provide for dealing with such situations and for taking action against the erring students. The Central Government does not interfere in the day to day functioning of the central universities or deemed to be universities, and have no jurisdiction in such matters *vis-a-vis* state universities. The University Grants Commission, which is responsible for coordination and maintenance of standards in universities, takes cognizance of incidents of indiscipline and misbehaviour in universities and colleges as and when brought to its notice.

Isolated incidents of 'ragging' in higher and professional educational institutions have come to the notice from time to time. Ministry of Human Resource Development and University Grants Commission (UGC) have issued necessary instructions in this regard to the Institutions of Higher Education and Technical Education and Education Secretaries of all State Governments and Union Territories. All institutions approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have been informed by AICTE to ensure that ragging in any form does not take place and that necessary action including withdrawal of approval, would be taken if any violation is brought to its notice. State Governments and educational institutions are also expected to exercise necessary vigil in this behalf and take preventive and other suitable action.

Rural electrification in Himachal Pradesh

†*67. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have been provided electricity by Government during the last three years under the Rajiv Gandhi Village Electrification Scheme in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the amount provided under this scheme and the names of the villages which have been provided this facility so far;

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(c) whether Government are considering to provide some amount for Nandla village of Chadhgaon Tehsil of Shimla district for street-light; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) As per Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by the Himachal Pradesh Government under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) 99.45% villages are electrified. For intensive electrification including connections to BPL households Rs. 25 crore have been sanctioned for Chamba district and 3 projects for Solan, Sirmour and Una districts have been approved 'in-principle' at the cost of Rs. 73.49 crore.

(c) and (d) The village Nandla is already electrified. Under the scheme, there is no provision for street lighting. The street lighting in the village is to be provided by the Gram Panchayat.

Tin reserve in Bastar forests

†*68. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are huge reserves of tin in Bastar forests;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the slage after smelting of tin is being purchased by smugglers as it contains radioactive elements like titanium, thorium and uranium and thereafter smuggled alongwith tin;

(c) whether it is also a fact that police and flying squads of the corporation had seized thirteen quintals of tin slage last year; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check smuggling of these items?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir. The tin ore reserves of Chhattisgarh State are found in Bastar and South Bastar (Dantewara) Districts. As per information given by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the total reserves of tin ore in Bastar and South Bastar districts of

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